

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Commissioner Bernest Brooks proposes the establishment of a department of leisure services

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Aug. 13, Commissioner Bernest Brooks addressed an issue he said he feels is a serious problem facing the county.

Brooks said he feels the citizens of Coffee County, especially the senior citizens and youth, living in the rural parts of the county are left out in regards to recreation. Therefore, he proposed establishing a department of leisure services for Coffee County to better serve the people in the rural areas of the county. He also proposed asking local legislators to help locate funds to establish this program.

Brooks said a department of leisure services would offer diversified facilities, programs and events for the people.

Commissioner Brooks made a motion to establish a department of leisure services in Coffee County and to place a line item in the county's budget for it.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he would second the motion to bring it to discussion.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said the county's

senior centers offer a lot of programs for the seniors. She wondered what other programs Brooks was suggesting.

Brooks responded by saying there needs to be more programs for the youth. For some living in the rural areas, he said it is hard to be involved in the recreational programs of the local municipalities.

Commissioner Stephens said he feels there are areas in the county that need something for the youth; however, he also noted that some areas in his district are well served by the schools.

Stephens said he believes the issue needs further study before any action is taken.

"I think it's worthwhile," Stephens said. "But only some areas are in need of it."

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple wondered what kind of budget the county would need to develop for a department of leisure services.

Brooks said a strategic plan would need to be developed. He said he could not, at this point, say how much funding would be needed. He said that is something that needs to be worked out through committee.

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until the county goes through the budget hearings. This motion passed.

In other business, Commissioners heard a request from Max Roberts on behalf of LAVA (Lower Alabama Veterans Alliance). He asked commissioners to consider adopting the Veterans Affairs Veterans preference guidelines for county jobs for veterans. No action was taken during the meeting on this matter.

Commissioners approved landfill credit applications for Rebel Station and Townsend Building Supply.

Commissioners approved a committee to work on creating rules and regulations for the use of the senior citizen centers for "other" activities.

Commissioners re-appointed Robert Hooks and Gloria T. Webb to the E911 board, and appointed Glen Gatlin to the county at-large position on the E911 board.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook said District 1 is up for a walking trail. She received approval to apply for the walking trail through the regional planning commission.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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BUS SAFETY

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Bus 4, but they remember that the color for their bus is purple," said DeVane. "This is simply to make it easier for the kids to get on the right bus each and every day."

DeVane added that school bus rules have been provided to all students and will be enforced. One example of a school bus rule is the driver has the right to assign seats.

"These rules are for their safety," said DeVane. "We want them to be with their friends and have a great bus ride to and from school, but safety is a first priority."

DeVane also said each driver performs a daily inspection of the buses before and after going on a route. He added that drivers must be recertified each year in a 4-hour class sponsored by the State Department of Education.

"We also practice bus evacuation drills twice each year in order to prepare for various situations such as how to unload the bus in the event of a wreck, fire or the bus stalling on railroad tracks," said DeVane.

He also stressed to parents that bus drivers will not rush to get students home simply because the school system want the students to arrive home safely.

"We would much rather take a long route home to ensure safety than take a shortcut and something happen to the kids," said DeVane. "We are looking forward to another safe year at Elba City Schools."



Wesley DeVane, transportation supervisor for Elba City Schools, checks the safety equipment on one of the buses used each school day to deliver students to and from school. DeVane said the school system places "safety first" when it comes to the students. As transportation supervisor, he works to make sure every measure is taken on the school's behalf to keep the students safe. Motorists also are urged to take every precaution to travel safely when around the school buses and to obey all traffic laws.

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trucks and equipment, but the proposed act would supply additional funds for equipment, training and insurance.

McCullough said the act must be voted on by the electors of Coffee County, and therefore, his presence at the Commission meeting was to ask for commissioners support in getting this issue to the voters. He said he will present the proposed act to legislators and ask them to work to get the issue on a ballot to allow the people to vote and decide.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner J.L. Weeks made a motion with a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook to support the proposed Emergency Service Act being placed on a ballot to go before the voters of Coffee County.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he could not support the motion if the Commission is not sure it supports the proposed act itself.

The motion failed by a 3-4 vote. Voting in favor were commissioners Weeks, Westbrook and Bernest Brooks. The opposing votes came from commissioners Stephens, Tom Grimsley, Jim Thompson and Doug Dalrymple.

After the meeting, McCullough said the vote of the commission will not prevent him from asking local legislators to get the proposed act on a ballot for vote. He said he was only asked for the commission's support in getting it on a ballot. Now, he said he'll just take a different approach and continue to move forward with the issue.

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County commissioners revisit discussion on proposed EMS act

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission held Monday, Aug. 27, commissioners, for the second meeting in a row, found a proposed Emergency Services Act to be a high-discussed topic.

Elaine Roberts, a Coffee County citizen and Coffee County Red Cross Disaster Director of Operations, was first to address commissioners regarding the matter. She encouraged commissioners to reconsider their vote from the previous commission meeting when a motion failed to pass showing the Coffee County Commission's support for allowing the voters to decide the fate of the proposed act.

Roberts said she believes the issue is something that should be put "in the laps of the Coffee County voters" to decide for themselves. She said it is her opinion that the proposed act is not a political decision but rather a preparedness decision.

Tim Driscoll, fire chief of the Tri-Communities Volunteer Fire Department, was next to address commissioners regarding the proposed EMS act. During his years with the department, he said he has seen incident responses increase for many different reasons.

"What we are asking you to do today is let the people of Coffee County vote on it (EMS) During Coffee County BOE meeting

Superintendent reports good start to 2007-08 school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday morning, Aug. 23, for a special meeting of the board, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram reported a good start to the new school year.

Dr. Ingram said the new school year is seemingly off to a good start with exception of the extreme heat the area has been experiencing lately. She added, however, that the schools have been taking "hot weather precautions" for such activities as physical education, band, football, etc.

Dr. Ingram said as of Thursday the 12th day of the 2007-08 school year, enrollment for the Coffee County Schools was up by 35 students as compared to the 12th day of last school year. She also offered an individual enrollment report for each school.

According to Dr. Ingram, the 12th day of the new school year had 528 students at Kinston Schools (up 27 students from the same day last year); 385 students at New Brockton Elementary School (up five students from the same day last year); 394 students at New Brockton High School (up 11 students from the same day last year); and 759 students at Zion Chapel Schools (down seven students from the same day last year).

Board members voted to approve a few more personnel hires for the new school year.

"I hope this will finish us up," said Dr. Ingram in regards to filling the personnel vacancies for the new school year.

Employments recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board included:

• Employ Daphne Coppage as a physical education teacher at Zion Chapel School

act," said Driscoll. "Let them decide."

Driscoll said the county's fire departments need the additional funding the proposed EMS act would generate to continue to operate. Without additional funding, he said fire departments in the county will possibly have to start cutting back on some of the services they currently provide.

"Our costs are raising dramatically," said Driscoll. "We can't keep up with the growth the way we are going right now."

A member of the audience said he had spoken with Rep. Terry Spicer and Spicer indicated it is possible to get the proposed act on a ballot without the Coffee County Commission's support; however, he said Spicer also said it would be much easier with the commission's support.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple addressed several issues of the proposed act when he suggested would be problematic the way the act is currently written.

"I can not see why we can't give this to the people to vote on the issue," said Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

He, in turn, made a motion to bring the issue back to the table to vote on again. The motion from the previous meeting was to show the Coffee County Commission's support for sending the proposed EMS act to

legislators asking them to place it on a ballot for voters to decide.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook offered a second to Brooks' motion to bring it to discussion.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said commissioners were given a copy of the proposed act (for the first time) at the last meeting. He said he believes it is important to present a bill to voters that is not confusing.

"If there is going to be a tax, I certainly think the people should vote on it," said Stephens.

He said the commission is representing everyone in the county, and it is the commission's responsibility to make sure the act is written in an understandable manner before it is placed before the voters.

Commissioner Westbrook said after the previous meeting, she requested some information from Houston County regarding their EMS act, and their EMS act, and

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HERO OF THE DAY...Cecilio Caballero, playing soccer with "Real Espana", scored four goals Sunday afternoon to lead his team in their friendly battle with team "America". The weekly games are played in Miller Memorial Stadium every Sunday afternoon and rules are enforced by qualified soccer officials. Admission is free. (See more soccer game pictures on page 13)

Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON GOLF COURSE begins Friday, Aug. 31, with all course tees in action. The Elba Tigers will host the Bentley Bulldogs, the New Brockton Gunners will host the Zion Chapel Rebels and the Kinston Bulldogs will host Geneva County Kickoff for all games in 7 p.m.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICIALS will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-1232. The police picture schedule will be unchanged.

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold the first public hearing to review the proposed budget for the 2007-08 school year. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office, 400 Highway 111, Room 210. The second public hearing will be held on September 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba. A third public hearing will follow on September 20, at 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Administrative Office in Elba. All interested parties are encouraged to attend these hearings. Budget items will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing.

THE 11th ANNUAL ELBA DAY FESTIVAL will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Green Memorial Park. The festival will feature a parade, live music, food, and much more. The festival is free and open to all. For more information, call the Elba City Office at 897-1232.

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By Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities Bedsale named Executive Director of the Year



Pam Bedsale

Pam Bedsale, executive director of The Elba Housing Authority, has been named as Executive Director of the Year by The Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities.

Bedsale received this award at a recent convention held in Destin, Fla. She was presented a plaque by Rick Herbert, chairman of awards committee and executive director of The Tuscaloosa Housing Authority.

Bedsale has served as director of The Elba Housing Authority since 1984. She is also the director of The New Brockton Housing Authority, a position she has held since 1995.

Bedsale is very active within AAHRA. She has served as secretary for a number of years, as well as being on the Site Selection and Scholarship Committees. She is a past member of the Board of Directors and secretary for APHADA (Alabama Public Housing Authorities Directors Association).

Pam and her husband, Randy, reside in Elba and they have two children, Dr. Russell Bedsale of Cincinnati, Ohio and Gina Smith and husband Matt of Roswell, Ga.

Elba City Council awards bids for "major" work at airport

by Fern Cox, Publisher

Monday night the Elba City Council officially awarded bids for major work on the Carl

Folsom Airport. Bullard Excavating, Inc. was awarded bids totaling \$1,081,957.80 for clearing and establishing permanent erosion control plus complete reconstruction of the runway and taxiway.

TCA Electrical Contractors submitted the low bid of \$132,875.00 for new lighting installation at the facility and was awarded that portion of the contract.

Mayor James Grimes said Monday evening that work is expected to begin on October 1st. The airport will be closed for at least 120 days while this major reconstruction is underway.

Garver Engineers of Huntsville is the engineering firm on this project.

Grimes also presented council members with a revised resolution. Wording in a Pitts Enterprises (Dorsey Trailers) resolution on tax abatement passed several weeks ago was changed at the request of state officials.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the clean up program in the trailer park near the airport was progressing. He also noted that work was continuing on clean up across from Dorsey Trailers.

The mayor notified council members that they are required to complete two on-line courses offered by FEMA to ensure Elba and Coffee County remain eligible for federal disaster assistance. He offered access to city computers for this training if any council member needed such access.

Grimes also informed council members that the long fought battle with FEMA to get clearance for U. S. 84 through the Riverview area involved in the flood buyouts has added another chapter. He explained that several weeks ago he got word, verbally, that FEMA had finally given

NEWS BRIEF

The Coffee County Commission approved a request Monday, Aug. 27, during the regular monthly meeting to switch communication for the Coffee County Sheriff's Department to the Elba Police Department.

Shirley Davis Sutton said the department's communication have been with the Elba Police Dept. for several years, but Enterprise is overwhelmed with its own department's communication. He said he has spoken with City of Elba officials, and they agreed to ensure the handling of communication for the county as of Oct. 1st. This will be done through dispatching at the Elba Police Department.

Sutton said he believes the change will improve the county's response time to incidents. He said the region and police chiefs in both Elba and Enterprise fully support the change.

The county will pay Elba the same fee for handling the communications as it currently pays Enterprise.

Victoria Lawrence joined the Coffee County EMS team nine months ago. She serves as an EMT-Basic.

Lawrence's training includes NREMT-B, CPR, AED, EVOC, and Mass Casualty Incident.

When asked what she enjoys most about her job she said, "helping people."

Lawrence said her hobbies include reading, watching movies, swimming and sleeping.

Victoria's family includes her mom, dad and little sister.

EMT-Basic Victoria Lawrence

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

At first glance it would appear that our prediction of the state school board either not passing or watering down the proposal on lawmakers working for the state's two year college system was . . . well just wrong. It may have been, but we are not yet ready to admit a mistake in this matter. True, the state school board did adopt the recommendations by the governor without amendment but this was just the first volley in what will surely turn out to be a protracted battle. Already AEA has filed a lawsuit claiming the new regulations banning two year college employees from serving in the legislature is unconstitutional. Then a person's imagination is all that limits what actions the legislature itself might take in countering this effort. Hopefully the end results will be more accountability in all Alabama colleges and universities.

It is amazing how a river can explode in size following heavy rains. The Blanchard River in northwestern Ohio was featured this week on a NASA website. Pictures taken 11 days apart were dramatic. The first satellite shot didn't even show a river winding through the forest. The second one showed, only 11 days later, a major river raging through the trees and ravaging the small towns along the riverbanks.

U. S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has resigned his position. We have mixed feelings about this latest development. Even friends of President Bush acknowledge he was probably not the best person for the job. However we dread to sit through repeated crowing by George Bush distractors bragging because they had forced this resignation.

Many other states already have laws governing the start of the school year and report the latest start date has not hurt academic performance in any way. States with statewide guidelines include, Florida, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Alabama, and others, are starting earlier, and earlier. A friend in Maine was shocked this week to learn Alabama students have already been back in school for several weeks. Representative Craig Ford is pushing the Alabama legislature for the same statewide controls in Alabama. In a recent e-mail he writes that the latest poll measuring opinions relating to the school calendar found two out of three Alabama voters preferred a third week of August or later school start date. The poll was conducted by Southern Opinion Research and released by SaveAlabamaSummers.org.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 20, 2007, investigated the following incidents: one for criminal trespass, two for theft of property, one for burglary, two for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, two for theft, three for assault, one for domestic violence, one for robbery, one for harassment and one for property damage.

The following arrests were made: one for a gas drive-off, one for burglary, one for failure to appear, one for harassment and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for violation of the seat belt law, one for an improper muffler, one for violation of the noise ordinance and one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 20 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 835 County Rd. 401 (8:48 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1678 County Rd. 201 (3:23 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 610 Kendrick St. (7:44 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jones St. (9:58 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 - Possible prowler reported at 211 Plant Ave. (3:30 a.m.); Prowler reported at 215 Plant Ave. (3:57 a.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 - Theft reported at 1216 Caroline St. (7:57 a.m.); Theft reported at 1215 Caroline St. (8:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2751 Marilyn St. (5:24 p.m.); Fight (not in progress) reported at 1622 Stoumdire St. (6:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the police department (11:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 - Prowler reported at 757 Reynolds Ave. (12:22 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a field at 808 County Rd. 400 (4:13 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 903 Wayne St. (6:41 p.m.); Subject with a gun reported at Mulberry Park (11:48 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 - Disturbance (noise) reported on Putnam St. (12:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 167 and 125 (1:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1831 County Rd. 418 (4:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1243 Farris Ave. (8:31 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 678 Lee St. (9:16 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 8193 Hwy. 87 (9:49 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Jackson St. (10:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1011 Sunset Blvd. (10:50 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1578 Powell Circle (1:17 a.m.); Prowler reported at 1192 Pine Circle (3:35 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1159 Forest Lake Dr. (8:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 21120 Hwy. 87 (9:14 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 33814 Hwy. 87 (10:55 p.m.).

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EDITORIAL

Holley awarded conservationist of year award

Senator Jimmy Holley, of Alabama, was recently awarded Legislative Conservationist of the Year at the 2007 Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards banquet. The Alabama Wildlife Federation held the banquet, on Friday, August 3, 2007 in Montgomery. Over the past 30 years, the AWF has presented these awards to individuals and organizations that make great contributions to the conservation of Alabama's wildlife and related natural resources.

On the last day of the 2007 Legislative Session, three critical funding bills for wildlife and fisheries programs were still waiting for final vote on the Senate floor. Thanks to Sen. Jimmy Holley and others, including Speaker of the House, Rep. Seth Hammett, the Conservation Package was passed.

Alabama's hunters, anglers, boaters, landowners, and wildlife enthusiasts will benefit from these legislators who took action to ensure these bills passed. Due to their combined efforts, all who enjoy the outdoors can be assured of effective law enforcement protection and the biological services necessary for responsible management of fish and wildlife populations and habitats.

The AWF Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards (GCAA) are the most prestigious conservation honors in the state of Alabama. The GCAA was created to promote leadership by example and in turn increase conservation of the natural resources in the state of Alabama including its wildlife, forests, soils, water and air.

The Alabama Wildlife Federation, established by sportsmen in 1925, is the state's oldest and largest citizens' conservation organization.

Everett is seeking applicants to attend any of the four U. S. military academies

Congressman Terry Everett

Each year, it is my pleasure to accept applications and recommend appointments to the four United States military academies. The four military academies provide a level of education and preparation for life that is without equal and thus appointments to these institutions are highly coveted and very competitive.

As a member of Congress, I am allowed to nominate a fixed number of young people from Southeast Alabama each year to the service academies. As we head into fall, I now am seeking applications from eligible Alabama young men and women for the 2007/2008 school year.

The U.S. military academies desire a geographical distribution of cadets and midshipmen. This is achieved through the congressional nomination and appointment process, which assigns a certain number of vacancies at each academy to every congressional district.

The process of applying to the military academies begins in November. Candidates are also eligible to apply to their two U.S. Senators for a nomination and must follow their particular guidelines for application.

Those who have a parent who is active military are also eligible to apply to the President's and Vice President's office for a nomination.

When I receive a candidate's letter, I respond with application materials describing my office's guidelines, as well as information cards to be filled out and returned to each desired academy.

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my. From then until my deadline of December 14th, the young person must submit all required information, i.e. grades, letters of recommendation, test scores and a biography. Simultaneously, they must also send each academy its own required application materials. In December, after my files are closed, I review the applications and select the candidates I will nominate. I consider grades, school activities, physical aptitude, and ACT & SAT scores in making my selections. I then submit a slate of ten nominees per vacancy at each academy. It is important to note that the nomination is only the first step towards entrance to an academy. Once a candidate is nominated, his or her name is then submitted to an academy for consideration for an appointment. Only after a candidate receives an appointment from an academy does he or she become part of the entering class.

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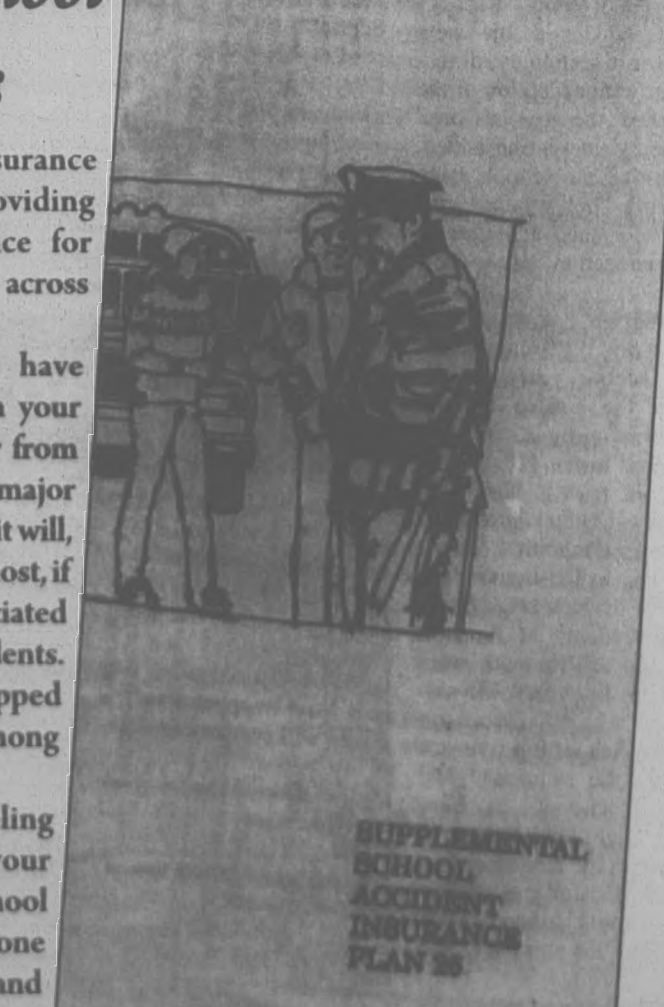
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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE PLAN IS

Dear Editor,

In the recent meeting, the Coffee County Commission elected not to allow citizens to vote on the \$30.00 per house fee to be designated to the Fire Departments/Rescue Squads in each community. As a member of the community, wife of a Fire Chief, daughter of long time former Fire Chief/Firefighter, sister of a firefighter, niece of a firefighter, and a cousin of a firefighter, I have watched through the years the hard work these men, and also women, put forth to protect the citizens and their property and I have even assisted with different things through the years when needed and it is stressful at times on them, but they do it without complaining and because they love helping others who are in need. These men and women take time from their families and jobs, and also spend money out of their own pocket to be sure the equipment and apparatus are safe and working properly at the department. Everyone has the right to vote and as one Chief state, our County Commissioners took that right away by the decision they made.

The members of these communities would want to help these departments, because without these departments, there would be a lot of lives lost and properties destroyed/damaged. These firemen don't just train to fight fire, they are trained to assist with medical calls, auto accidents, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, terrorist attacks, chemical spills, house fires and wild land fires. I am very proud of my husband and family members who are firefighters. Being a fireman is a special calling and we need these men and women and the equipment to help protect us. The fee of \$30.00 per month (approximately 50¢ per day) is not very much to ask for.

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and every citizen should be willing to give, because they don't know, they may be the one in need of help one day.

When these communities have a need, be it medical or fire, and the departments are not able to help them due to no money available to keep things running, then maybe our County Commissioners will reconsider the decision they made, but by then it may be too late.

Christy Wood Batten Community Enterprise, AL

SHARE YOUR VIEWS - WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Mart Gray, Pastor of Covenant Community Church

There is an old Jewish proverb that goes something like this: "A farmer prayed to God that God would bless him. God told the farmer, 'I will bless you, my son, but everything you request, know that I will do double for your neighbor.' So, the farmer asked for one hundred acres of land. When God granted his request he was excited and grateful...until he looked across the way and saw that, indeed, his neighbor had 200 acres of new land. Next, the farmer asked for 100 cows. And it was done. When he looked across the massive herd, he was amazed and grateful until he looked in the neighbor's field and saw 200 cattle standing in the field. As the farmer considered his lot and that of his neighbor, he became frustrated and angry. Finally, looking to heaven he asked God to strike him blind in one eye. And God

wept."

My granddaddy, a child of the Great Depression, would counsel us, "No matter how tough life gets, you can always look around and find someone who has it tougher." As a child, I thought that a rather negative way of reconciling life. Over the years, the wisdom of being aware of our neighbors, for better or for worse, has grown on me. Maybe it would be that God would have us strike a

happy medium, neither finding envy in our neighbor's prosperity nor comfort in our neighbor's misery. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians that he had experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows in life and had learned to be content through it all. Wherever we find ourselves along the hills and valleys of life, may God grant us peace and contentment...or, as the Jewish sage might say, "Shalom."

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Obituaries

ROBERT FELIX STINSON

Mr. Robert Felix Stinson died Friday, August 24, 2007 at Troy Regional Medical Center in Troy, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27, 2007 at the Good Hope Baptist Church in Troy, Ala., with Rev. Ray Stinson, Rye. Les Lee and Rev. W.O. Sanders officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery with Holman Funeral Home of Ozark directing.

Mr. Stinson was preceded in death by his parents, Carroll and Myrtis Stinson; and a brother, Alvin Stinson.

Survivors include his wife: Opal Cotton Stinson, Troy, a daughter: Barbara (husband Les) Lee; two grandsons: Bobby and Daniel Lee, all of Dothan, Ala.; a brother: James

LIFESTYLES



Edith Calhoun's Adorned Ornaments featured in holiday book

Country Woman Christmas 2007 is the twelfth in a series of annual keepsake editions and sparkles with holiday foods, crafts, gifts and décor, last minute ideas and cherished family traditions.

Among them is an idea created by Edith Calhoun of Elba who's Adorned Ornaments easy crochets are featured. For instant elegance, she covered plain ball Christmas ornaments with lacy crocheted pieces. Miss Calhoun was also awarded a prize for her entering her ornament ideas.

Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center name new directors

The Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center, is pleased to announce that Richard D. Metzger has been named Executive Director and Wiley White has been named the Development Director for the Center.

Metzger comes to Troy from New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was Executive Director of Young Aspirations/ Young Artists ("YAYA"), and led the organization's rebirth after Hurricane Katrina.

Prior to his position in New Orleans he worked as the Executive Director with the Center for Contemporary Arts in Abilene Texas, which he joined in 1999 upon completion of his BFA work with the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California.

Metzger is just the person that we need to step in and guide us and move us forward in the arts and to the culmination of the renovation project," said Troy-Pike Cultural Arts Center Board Chairman, Mack Gibson. "He will be a dynamic director and we are looking forward to working with him to his leadership."

Ms. White has been interim director for the Center for the past three years, working to get the cultural arts center project "off the ground." A longtime resident of Montgomery, she moved back to her hometown of Troy three years ago. An artist, she has been involved in the arts through service to numerous arts organizations and galleries. She served as a Council Member on the Alabama State Council on the Arts for six years.

"This renovation project of the old Post Office and the formation of a new Cultural Arts Center for Pike County is a tremendously stimulating undertaking," said Richard Metzger.



MEMBERS OF THE FLEMING-MAGWOOD-BURROWS-BROXTON FAMILY recently met in Enterprise, Alabama, on July 4, 2007. Some family members traveled from as far as Texas, Shreveport, Louisiana and Dundee, Florida, to share in this reunion. One special activity for all attending was a Candle Lighting Ceremony to commemorate the family's deceased loved ones. The next family reunion is scheduled for the summer 2008 in Florida.

Daniel Hollis Pair Jr. named an All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Daniel Hollis Pair Jr. from New Brockton, Ala. has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA was established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

Daniel Hollis Pair Jr. who attends New Brockton High School, was nominated for this national award by Janice Strickland.

Daniel Hollis Pair Jr. will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Award should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors.

Daniel Hollis Pair Jr. is the son of Theresa and Clifford Stout and Daniel and Margaret Pair of New Brockton, Ala. and Abbeville, Ala. His grandparents are Fred and Louise Gamble of New Brockton, Alabama and Ms. Joyce Pair of Abbeville, Alabama.

Daniel was also selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). The Society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Swedish Nobel family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Daniel has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel. "Daniel is now a member of a unique community of scholars—a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Daniel build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars



Daniel Hollis Pair Jr.

recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently, there are more than 150,000 Society members, representing 15,000 high schools in nearly 20 countries. NSHSS advocates for scholarship opportunities for deserving young people and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships since its inception just four years ago.

EHS Class of 1982 plan 25th Reunion

The Elba High School Class of 1982 is planning a 25th reunion for September 28th and 29th. Contact DeLonda Harrelson at ch82@alaweb.com or 897-5122 for more information.

WCC announces Practical Nursing Program application schedule

Students who wish to enroll in the Wallace Community College practical nursing program for spring semester 2008 may soon begin the application process. Application packets may be obtained beginning Friday, August 24, at any Wallace Community College location or online at <http://www.wallace.edu/dept-nursing/health/npn/>. The deadline to submit applications is Friday, October 19, 2007, at noon.

Wallace offers a daytime program track at the Wallace Campus in Dothan, the Sparks Campus in Eufaula, and the Fort Rucker Center. An evening/weekend track is offered at the Wallace Campus in Dothan.

For more information about the practical nursing program, call 334-983-3521, or visit the college Web site at www.wallace.edu. The College's toll free number is 1-800-543-2426.

The American Red Cross to hold CPR and First Aid classes

The American Red Cross is offering CPR and First Aid September 10, 11, & 13 at six p.m. at the American Red Cross classroom in the Enterprise Civic center. Call Janet McCrummen at 347-2461 for more information.

Navy Chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt to speak in New Brockton September 8

Navy Chaplain Gordon Klingenschmitt will speak at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on September 8, at 6:30 p.m. Chaplain Klingenschmitt lost 16 years of military service after praying in Jesus' name at a Protestant funeral.

Klingenschmitt to speak at First Baptist Church Sunday, September 2nd

Lieutenant Gordon Klingenschmitt is a former Navy chaplain who is dismissed from the Navy for praying in the name of Jesus. Lt. Klingenschmitt will be speaking at Elba First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, September 2, 2007 at the 10 o'clock worship service. Everyone is invited to attend.

Outdoor Gospel Singing to be held at Eanon Baptist Church

There will be an outdoor gospel singing at Eanon Baptist Church on Saturday, September 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured will be The Cairns, The Harrison Family, and The Rowell Family. Free boiled peanuts and coke will be available. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the singing will be moved inside of the church. For more information call 334-222-2281.

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 6th of Sept. 2007 at 7 P.M. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honey-bee is welcome to attend. For more information please call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077.

Covenant Community Church names Raffield as Global Minister in Residence

On Sunday, August 19th, Covenant Community Church announced that the Reverend Suzannah Raffield had been invited to serve as Global Minister in Residence for the congregation. Raffield, a native of Panama City, Florida, will guide the congregation in developing a missions strategy that empowers the church to act both locally and globally.

"We believe the call to serve is first a call to listen, understand, and make good decisions about how we employ our resources," says Mart Gray, pastor of the 3 year old congregation. "Though we are a small, rural congregation, our church is teeming with talented and capable people who want to make a meaningful difference in our community and our world. We believe Suzannah's broad experience, extensive missions network around the world, and her passion for the mission of God will be of great benefit to us as we seek to be the presence of Christ."

Specific to the strategy will be an effort to address maternal health issues. "The United Nations has outlined eight goals for decreasing poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation, and discrimination against women," said Raffield. "As followers of Christ we are called to support those same eight goals. The World Health Organization estimates that every 60 seconds a woman dies from pregnancy related causes. A large percentage of maternal deaths are preventable when women have access to trained birthing attendants and birthing kits."

Covenant Community Church is part of the global Church and a powerful network posed to dramatically increase maternal health. Raffield holds a BA in Psychology from Samford University and a Master of Divinity from Boston Divinity School. She is pursuing a PhD at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic. Part of her ministry to the congregation will be regular e-mail, blog (www.deanella.wordpress.com), and internet video communications with the church as she travels to Prague, Africa, and New York where she serves as an NGO Representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Gray says,

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SCRIPTURE: Galatians 1:1-24

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Rev. Bruce Ingram, Maxwell Hooks, Rev. Henry Ewing Jr., Rev. Henry Shy, Rev. Willis Bruton, Rev. M. Bryant, Beatrice Belcher, Ida Hooks, The Siler

A SERVICE TO CELEBRATE 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE by Rev. and Mrs. Fred L. Flowers, Shady Grove A. M. E. Church, will be held September 9, 2007 beginning at 3 p.m. The theme will be: "And I think Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." Timothy 1:12

The sermon will be given by Rev. Barry D. Causey, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton, Ala.

THE 125th FOUNDER'S DAY PROGRAM of The Mulberry Baptist District Association was held at the Mulberry Association Building, Hwy. 84 West, Elba, Alabama, on Sunday, August 26th at 6 p.m. The theme was Let Your Light Shine- Matthew 5:14-16. The sermon was given by Rev. W. L. Peterson, moderator and Pastor of Mulberry District and Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba.

HOME COMING AND REVIVAL SERVICES of Greater Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Chancellors, Ala. will be held September 3-7, 2007, beginning at 7 p.m. nightly.

Elba United Methodist Church is starting a Sunday School Class for persons with special needs

The Elba United Methodist Church is starting a Sunday School class for persons with special needs. This class will start on Sunday, September 2. Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. and meets in the educational building.

For more information, please call the church at 897-2219 or the parsonage at 897-6127.

Praeger-Bedsole wedding held July 5th

Jessica Bedsole and Richard Praeger were united in marriage on July 5, 2007 at the Grand Lido Resort in Negri, Jamaica.

Parents of the couple are Richard and Sonya Bedsole and Beverly DeNiro and the late Paul DeNiro, all of Eufaula. Grandparents are Donald and Catherine Hudson of Elba, the

late Glen and Jeanette Bedsole of Elba, Charles and Laura Godsey of Prince George, Virginia, and Armour Maurice and Hazel Treadwell of Eufaula. In addition, Jessica and Richard are blessed to still have their great-grandmother, Eva Mooney, of Elba.

Elba Elementary School Menu

September 3-7, 2007

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday Tuesday - Pancake Pup w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Labor Day Holiday Tuesday - Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk Thursday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Applesauce, Milk Friday - Barbecue Sandwich, Rice, Cole Slaw, 1/2 Orange, Milk

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SCHOOLS

Class Ring Ceremony held for Juniors

by Maisie Thomas

On Thursday, Aug. 16, at 8 a.m., the Class of 2009 received class rings during a Class Ring Ceremony.

All junior class members were extremely excited because this is a tradition that Elba High School has carried for many years. The students are supposed to wear their ring a certain way and then once they graduate, they turn it in the other direction, which symbolizes their "looking toward the future."

The students get to choose what they would like to be displayed on their own personal ring. There are many different choices from hand symbols to athlete symbols so the students can make it their own personal memories of their high school years.

Rusty Parker is the representative from Balfour Ring Company, and he brought the juniors a special made cake for their refreshments.



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CoOp Spotlight

by Karen Huckabae

This week's CoOp spotlight focuses on Kayla Kyser.

Kayla is the daughter of Wendy Kyser and is a senior at Elba High School. She currently is a cashier at the Elba Market Place where she has been employed for six months.

Kayla is a member of the EHS Volleyball team, and her plans for the future are to graduate from college and work in a hospital as a nurse. Kayla also plans to get married and have kids in the future.

School Announcements:

TO THE COMMUNITY, ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ELBA HIGH SCHOOL: Contact Jane Moseley regarding this year's Homecoming parade line up. This theme for this year's parade is "Classic Rock from the 50s, 60s and 70s."

Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 28, 2007. FOOTBALL: Elba Tigers vs. Brantley Bulldogs • Friday, Aug. 31 • Home • 7 p.m. VOLLEYBALL: Elba Tigers vs. Lawrence Tigers • Thursday, Aug. 30 • Home • 4 p.m.; Elba Tigers at Straughn Tigers • Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. SCHOOL HOLIDAY: Monday, Sept. 3 (Labor Day) D.I.B.L.E.S. TESTING is going on (Aug. 20-31) at Elba Elementary School. Make sure students get a good breakfast.

On July 5-8, the varsity cheerleading squad and the junior high cheerleading squad attended a UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) camp held at Troy University.

The girls stayed in dorm rooms, located throughout the campus. At the camp, both squads were taught new things to use during the season, including cheers, chants, dances, stunts, and pep rally ideas.

On the first night, both squads competed in the "Home Pom" competition, in which they competed with squads in the same division with a dance they made up before they arrived to camp. Both Squads got awards for this competition. The junior high cheer squad was awarded with first place. The varsity cheer squad was awarded with second place.

On the last day of camp, the squads went to competition and competed with a cheer they learned at camp and also an "extreme routine." The "extreme routine" is a dance the cheerleaders learned at the cheerleading camp and the squad adds their own dance moves to the end of the dance.

Both squads also got recognized for each of these competitions as well. The junior high cheer squad was awarded third place for the cheer and second place for the "extreme routine."

The cheerleading sponsors are Lisa Rials and Chastity Williams.

New year brings school improvements

by Erica Daniels

Over the summer, there were many appearance changes at Elba High School.

As one drives up to the high school or the football stadium, he/she will notice that the old familiar "blue" trim on the buildings has been replaced with a brilliant BLACK, representative of the Tiger spirit. This project was the brainchild of the coaches and was begun by them and later finished by painters.

The bus loading area and commons area have also been repainted. The school was

repainted on the outside, as well as on the inside. There is also a new painting on the gym wall to underscore Tiger Pride. As visitors or students enter on the back road leading up to the school, the new Tiger Paws painted by the SGA lead them to the school.

Other changes focus on student health. The school no longer has fried food in the cafeteria, but students are having a difficult time with the change. The ala carte line has been discontinued.

In all, the changes cast a new look, a good one on Elba High.



This new painting on the gym wall signifies "Tiger Pride"

Cheerleaders attend UCA camp at Troy University

by Maisie Thomas



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders include: (front, left to right) Lindsey Camley, Molly McGuire, Karizmah Yelverton, Aaliyah Horstead and Brinley Williams; (back, left to right) Cortnee Driggers, Meagan Concannon, Tamara Burks, Bethany Wilson and Selena Dodd.



Varsity Cheerleaders include: (front, left to right) Kayla Rials, Gabby Pope and Cortlin Lee; (middle, left to right) Taylor Creel, Brittany Whitehead, Ashley Bailey and Maisie Thomas; (back, left to right) Emily Miller, Leanna Henderson, April Pinedore and Kynu Coleman.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Erica Daniels &
Kelly Corder

Teacher Spotlight

by Meagan Anderson

This week's Teacher Spotlight shines on Mr. Shaun Hammonds, the new band director at Elba High School.

Hammonds is a former graduate of Troy University where he obtained a degree in music. This is his first year as a band director, but in the past nine years he has been a teacher's assistant and instructor. He has previously assisted the band directors of Straughn and Opp.

Mr. Hammonds is happily married to Brandy Hammonds, and together they have a son and a daughter, Maggie (age 4) and Jordan (5 months).

When asked about any inter-



Shaun Hammonds

esting facts about himself, he said he loves sports, music and being part of this great community.

EHS under new leadership

by Kelly Corder

This school year is full of new teachers and new administrators for Elba High School.



Shane Casey now acts as the new Elba High School principal.

Shane Casey took over as principal of the high school for former principal Johnny Dunn after his retirement. Kevin Killingsworth took over the role as assistant principal of EHS.

When asked about his feelings about the new school year and about being the new principal, Mr. Casey said, "I think we're off to a good start and that things are running smoothly. I have a new challenge on my hands being at my new job. I am looking forward to football season, and I hope we have a good season."

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Coffee County College Fair set for Sept. 5th at Elba High School

The Coffee County College Fair will be held Wednesday, September 5, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Elba High School. Schools participating in this event will be Elba, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel.

The college fair is free and open to the public and will allow students, as well as their parents to interact with admission representatives from a variety of postsecondary institutions. Attendees will be able to discuss course offerings, admission and financial aid requirements, college life, as well as other information pertinent to the college selection process. Handouts, catalogs and other helpful information from the participating colleges will also be available.

The following is a list of participating colleges: Andrew College, Auburn University, Montgomery, Birmingham Southern College, Enterprise-Ozark Community College, Faulker University, Huntingdon College, Jacksonville State University, Judson College, Louisiana State University, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, Nashville Auto-Diesel College, Samford University, Troy University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Alabama at Huntsville, University of Montevallo, University of North Alabama, University of South Alabama, University of West Florida, Wallace Community College-Dothan.

Non Postsecondary participating will be Air Force, Alabama Department of Transportation, Alabama Home Builders Association, Army, Army National Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy.

For more information about the Coffee County College Fair, contact Lynn Weeks at (334) 897-2266.



Pictured are seven students who recently completed the Medical Coding Class offered by LBWCC. Front Row (left to right): Jenny Adams (Instructor), Cora D. Peoples - Opp, and Michelle Allen - Geneva. Back Row (left to right): Jacque Petworth - Opp, Jennifer Saunders - Opp, Jennifer Berrojo - Opp, Mira Walker - Andalusia and Jonathan Hart - Elba. Not pictured Monica Howard - Enterprise.

Students complete medical coding class offered by LBWCC - MacArthur Campus

The Medical Coding Class is a short-term training course is offered by LBWCC's Adult Education and Skills Training Division.

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Previous medical training or coding experience is not required to enroll in the Medical Coding Class. Upon completion, students will be eligible to sit for certification exam.

This is a great opportunity to receive medical coding training locally. Register now for the Fall 2007 class to be held Aug. 21 - Dec. 4, 2007. For more information or to register, contact Cindy Green on the

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The 80-question survey asks students to rate their schools on several topics and report on their experiences at them. Topics include: academics/administration, life at the school, their fellow students, and themselves. Surveys are conducted on campuses and via the Princeton Review website at which students have the option of completing a secure survey online.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls were a little disappointed their apartment didn't have a place to hook up a washer and dryer, but after two weeks I am pretty much convinced if they had enough clothes I might not see 'em more than once or twice a month. Melanie has come home the past two weekends to wash, and we sit and talk about school and other things while enjoying her visit. Melissa, on the other hand, has yet to find her way back home since moving in, and sends her clothes with little sister. It may be time to put in a new rule that only the daughter that wears the clothes can wash them!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers hosted Goshen last week in a preseason football game and thanks to three defensive touchdowns escaped with a wild 33-30 win. The offense was effective both running and passing and made few mistakes, but didn't get that many chances to get on the field, and snatched the ball for only 22 plays in the cage game. The defense scored three touchdowns on pass interceptions, but got pushed around the field at times, and allowed almost 300 yards rushing as Goshen put 30 points on the scoreboard. It was just a preseason game and the coaches used the contest as a learning tool. However, unless the defense can grow and get more physical the Tigers may have to score a lot of points to get their share of wins.

*** Three of the area teams took the field last week in preseason play, and all three found out where they stood with less than a week left before the opening of the regular season.

New Brockton got whipped about every way possible in a surprising 26-0 loss to Arton. The Gamecocks got a lot of ink over the summer about their work in the weight room and their high expectations. However, maybe it's time to tear down those clippings and just get back to work playing hard nose football.

Zion Chapel hosted Barbour County and came out on the short-end of a 26-12 decision. The Rebels played hard for all four quarters and never quit, but were missing several key players due to a variety of injuries, and their absence gave Barbour County an obvious advantage in athletes. If the Rebels will play with the same intensity during the regular season as they did last week, they will never have to hang their heads, no matter what the scoreboard might read.

Brantley competed in a much-publicized jamboree against 1A powers Maplesville and Sweet Water, and spanked Maplesville 13-0, while falling to Sweet Water 7-0. The Bulldogs were expected to be down this season after losing 17 seniors. However, the players on this year's team are more concerned about who is on the team than who has graduated, and it showed last week. Brantley may not be as talented this season as in some years, but the hunch here is this year's Bulldogs will win just as much, and win with hard work and determination, not just because it has the best players.

*** The high school volleyball season tipped off last week, and the Kingston Lady Bulldogs picked up right where it had left off as they split a tri-match in Montgomery and then won its own tournament. Kingston lost its season opener to defending 3A state champ Montgomery Academy, but left mad about the result and convinced the best team didn't win. The Bulldogs took it out on its competitors and even through five matches undefeated over the weekend to claim its third straight tournament championship in its own territory. The girls at Kingston have a big bulls-eye on their back and will carry it throughout the season. However, with five starters back from last year's state championship team and a dedicated group of seniors, they could care less. Keep an eye on this bunch as they work toward a possible re-peat.

*** The college football season kicks off for the schools next weekend, and my Auburn buddy took offense with my statement that the Tigers first four games are anything but automatic wins. I'm sorry, but Kansas State doesn't even scare lowly Kansas, while South Florida isn't even as good as Troy, and Hoover High School would have a chance against both Mississippi State and New Mexico State. When one adds the fact all four games will be played at Auburn, there is no doubt the results will be a 4-0 start. Alabama does have an easy opening win on the schedule against West Carolina, but then travels to Vanderbilt in its SEC opener before butting heads with Arkansas, Georgia and Florida State the next three weeks. Give Coach Tubbs credit, he has always been able to schedule a bunch of wins.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by over the weekend to leave this week's predictions, and as always whined about how it was impossible to be accurate in the opening weeks of the season. The local guesser had one of his best seasons ever a year ago and should only get better with age, even if he won't admit it. Here is this week's picks....

ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Pea River felices ended last season on somewhat of a roll, and last week showed they could still light up the scoreboard with a wild win in preseason action. This week the felices will invite a pack of dogs to town, and have plans to repeat their feat of two years back when they ran the dogs back out of town. That was then and this is now; however, and the guess here is this time the dogs from across the river will do most of the chasing.

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The backyard birds from across the county lost a few feathers last week in a preseason scrap, but have been seen out strutting their stuff again this week and are crowing about what will happen now that the real games are here. That may be true, but the troops from up near the county line are due to be passing through late Friday afternoon and word is chicken is on the menu for supper. I may be wrong, but these birds may be a little tough.

NEW BROCKTON 26 ZION CHAPEL 12

KINSTON VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The bullpups from down near the county line are scheduled to have a coming out party this week for their new trainer, and have invited another pack of pups to town from over in the Wiregrass. There is no doubt there will be some loud barking late Friday night after the game. However, unless I miss my guess most of it will be coming from a big yellow bus as the pups from out of town head back home.

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Elba's Coach Rials says Tigers should be excited about challenge Friday night against Brantley

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The Bulldogs lost seven starters on offense and nine starters on defense from last season's playoff team, but return almost their entire offensive line, which is being relied upon to help carry the load in early-season action. Sophomore Chase Hall will lead the Brantley offense at quarterback, with junior Anthony Gully moving to tailback. The duo will be joined by seniors Justin Wright and Terrell Burnett in the backfield, while up front the Bulldogs will be looking to Dexter Daniels, Jared Hall, Westley Spivey and Cory Compton to help open holes.

"We look for Brantley to be very physical on the offensive line and to keep it pretty simple," said Coach Rials, "but we have great speed and will step in and give Brantley another

breakaway threat from anywhere on the field, and even though they have some new kids in key spots, the strength and experience of the line should enable the offense to drive Brantley back and put points on the scoreboard. Over on defense Brantley is just as aggressive as ever and will flat out knock you out if they get the chance. Brantley has the tradition of being a very solid defensive football team, and this season will be no different."

"If we are going to have a chance of pulling off a win Friday night we will have to play our best every play of the game and be physical at the point of attack," stated Rials, in his fourth season at the Elba helm. "On offense we have to be balanced with the run and pass, and not turn the ball over. Last week against Goshen we had no turnovers and very few penalties, and that is the key to being

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Retired UofA journalism professor receives multicultural recruiting award

Dr. Ed Mullins, a native of Coffee County and a retired University of Alabama journalism professor, is recipient of the 2007 Robert P. Knight Multicultural Recruiting Award for helping create a more diversified journalism workforce.

Mullins received the award from the Scholastic Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in a Washington, D.C. meeting Saturday, Aug. 11.

Monica Hill, scholastic journalism director at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presented the award. Like

Mullins, Hill is a former director of UA's Multicultural Journalism Workshop which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2008.

"It is gratifying to see our good work recognized by this award," Mullins said. "For the second time, our workshop and related activities are seen as among the nation's best."

Mullins was dean of the UA College of Communication and Information Sciences when the workshop was founded in 1984. He has worked as a teacher for each of the 24 workshops and will serve as volunteer director for his fourth workshop in 2008.

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Commissioner Tom Grimsley requested some information from Dale County. She said they had just received that information.

Therefore, Westbrook offered a motion to table the issue until commissioners can look at the information and revisit the issue at the next meeting. She received a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks.

Westbrook said she feels the people need to vote on this issue, but the commission also needs to be sure the county can accommodate what needs to be done.

County EMA director John Tallas offered an observation to commissioners.

"I think the issue here is language in the act," said Tallas. "I

suggest getting together with these people (firefighters association) to work on a language that suits everyone."

Tallas also noted that if something is not done to help the fire departments he is afraid the county will begin to see them start going to the wayside just as rescue squads already have in the past.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks said he is in favor of sending this act to the voters, but he also said Monday he is in favor of going back to the table to work on the language of the act to make it more suitable for everyone involved.

The motion to table passed by a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Brooks cast the opposing vote.

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Also during last Thursday's special meeting, Dr. Ingram told board members the school system has filed for re-consideration for the AYP status for Kinston Schools. She said she is hopefully optimistic the request will be considered.

Dr. Ingram reported that an air conditioning unit is broken in the agriscience department at Kinston High School. Upon the superintendent's request, board members voted to declare this project an emergency to allow Dr. Ingram to go ahead and get the air conditioning repaired as soon as possible.

Board member Jimmy Clark reported on the recent Prayer Walk sponsored by the Coffee County Baptist Association. He said there were 51 people that participated at Zion Chapel while 26 participated at New Brockton Elementary, 24 people participated at New Brockton High and 15 people participated at Kinston.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 6. A budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2008 will be held prior to the board meeting at 7 p.m.

"Diversity in the journalism workforce is a critical issue for a democracy," Mullins said.

Mullins, who retired this year, continues to be active in teaching at UA's Knight Fellows Teaching Newspaper Program in Anniston and on campus as MJW director and volunteer with the Center for Community-Based Partnerships.

"This is a wonderful recognition of the many years that Ed has put into developing and sustaining MJW," said Dr. Loy Singleton, dean of the College. "It is also a great distinction for this College."

Labor Day

Covington County College Night set for Tuesday, Sept. 4th

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and the Junior Service League of Andalusia will host the annual Covington County College Night Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Seth Hammett Gymnasium on the Andalusia

Campus of LBWCC. Free and open to the public, College Night allows students as well as their parents, to interact with admission representatives from a variety of postsecondary institutions. Attendees will be able to discuss course offerings,

admission and financial aid requirements, college life in general and other information pertinent to the college selection process.

Representatives from the United States military, the Alabama Department of

Transportation and the Alabama Home Builders Association will also be present. Handouts, catalogs and other helpful information from the participating colleges will also be available.

The following is a list of participating colleges: Auburn University Auburn University at Montgomery; Birmingham Southern College; Enterprise-Ozark Community College; Faulkner University; Huntingdon College; Jacksonville State University; Judson College; Louisiana State University; Lurleen B. Wallace Community College; Nashville Auto-Diesel College; Samford University; Troy University; University of Alabama; University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Alabama at Huntsville; University of Montevallo; University of North Alabama; University of South Alabama; University of West Alabama; University of West Florida; Wallace Community College - Dothan.

Non-Postsecondary: Air Force; Alabama Department of Transportation; Alabama Home Builders Association; Army; Army National Guard; Marine Corps; Navy.

For more information contact Heather Owen at 334-891-2282 or by e-mail at h.owen@lbwcc.edu.



Dr. Ed Mullins



THE ELBA FIRE DEPARTMENT responded one recent afternoon to a vehicle fire on Davis Street (Hwy. 84 E). On the day of the vehicle fire, traffic already was being slowed by rearing up of this stretch of highway. Fortunately, though, firefighters were able to get to the vehicle and extinguish the flames before the truck was completely destroyed by fire. Above, two firemen are shown applying water to the flames as smoke can be seen rising above the vehicle.

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